San Diego Association of Governments

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 8, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

Action Requested: APPROVE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS
JULY 14, 2006

First Vice Chair Mary Sessom (East County) called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Lori Holt Pfeiler (North County Inland) and a second by Mayor Christy Guerin (North County Coastal), the minutes of the June 9, 2006, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REPORTS (3 through 5)

3. SERVICE BUREAU: BORDER MASTER PLAN (APPROVE)

Elisa Arias, Senior Planner, reported that Caltrans has requested assistance in developing an integrated framework for reviewing and evaluating Port of Entry (POE) and transportation infrastructure development along the California-Baja California border. The Border Master Plan would be a SourcePoint project conducted through the SANDAG Service Bureau. This project will take 18 months to complete and cost $220,000. The goal of this study is to gather data to evaluate the existing binational transportation and POE system, and its current and future demand. Key objectives of the plan will be to integrate local, state, and federal input, and to develop criteria that could be used in future studies to prioritize improvements along the United States-Mexico border.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Ron Morrison (South County), and a second by Supervisor Bill Horn (County of San Diego), the Executive Committee voted to amend the FY 2007 Program Budget to allow the Service Bureau to proceed with the Border Master Plan study and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Caltrans in the amount of $220,000.
Kim Kawada, Executive Program Manager, reviewed changes to this agenda report from that mailed to Executive Committee members. She also distributed field poll results related to the statewide infrastructure measures that will be on the November 2006 ballot. She noted that this is the latest public polling information that we have on this issue.

Ms. Kawada provided a brief report on the state budget, federal legislative activity, and the statewide infrastructure measures. She said that the 2006-2007 state budget was passed, and the news is good for transportation. It includes full funding of Proposition 42 ($1.4 billion) and early payback of past Proposition 42 loans ($1.415 billion). About $343 million in Public Transportation Account (PTA) (gas tax spillover) funds also will go to transportation, primarily for public transit capital and operations. She said that although the Proposition 42 funds are not new monies, they will provide funding for previously programmed Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and State Transit Improvement Program (STIP) projects in the San Diego region. As a result of the early payback of past Proposition 42 funds, the 18 cities and the County of San Diego would share in more than $34 million in revenue for the maintenance of local streets and roads. The San Diego region also is expected to receive about $39 million of the PTA spillover funds.

Ms. Kawada stated that since the June Executive Committee meeting, the House of Representatives (House) passed its FY 2007 appropriations bill, and we are waiting on Senate action, which is expected in July. There was no change to the House earmarks reported last month. At the end of June, the House also approved a SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) technical corrections bill. There were two description changes for projects in the San Diego region; one included operational and highway safety improvements on Highway 94 between the 20-mile marker post in Jamul and Highway 188 in Tecate; and the second was a change to enable the study of the north-south MAGLEV alternatives linking the San Diego region to the proposed Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) MAGLEV network to the north.

Ms. Kawada reminded the Committee of the five propositions developed by the state legislature and scheduled for the November 2006 ballot: Proposition 1A, Protection of Proposition 42 funds (SCA 7, Torlakson); Proposition 1B, Transportation, Air Quality, and Port Security (SB 1266, $19.925 billion); Proposition 1C, Housing and Emergency Shelter (SB 1689, $2.850 billion); Proposition 1D, K-12/University Facilities (AB 127, $10.416 billion); and Proposition 1E, Flood Prevention (AB 140, $4.090 billion). Ms. Kawada noted that last month staff recommended that SANDAG support Propositions 1A, 1B, and 1C, which deal with transportation and housing. She noted that all three of these measures tie-in with our Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and are consistent with SANDAG’s purview.

Since last month, however, staff has reviewed Propositions 1D and 1E for their relevance to SANDAG. Our RCP contains certain policies and initiatives related to education, economic prosperity, water supply, and water quality that may justify SANDAG support of the education (Proposition 1D) and flood protection (Proposition 1E) measures. Therefore, staff has developed resolutions in support for all five of the propositions; these are included as Attachments 2 through 6 of the staff report. Ms. Kawada asked Committee members to
discuss these five measures and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on which to support.

Vice Mayor Morrison asked if staff also evaluated another proposition on the November 2006 ballot known as the “Caves Initiative” (The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006). He asked if SANDAG took a position supporting Proposition 1E, whether it also should support this separate initiative. Ms. Kawada replied that staff has not done an analysis of the other initiatives on the November ballot.

First Vice Chair Sessom asked the Committee’s preference on taking a position on the ballot measures as a whole or individually.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director, stated that from a campaign perspective, these measures will be presented as a package by the private sector campaign. Voters will get to choose to support or oppose the individual measures as they will be listed individually on the ballot. He said that the goal is to get them all approved, but it is understood that there are opportunities for voters to pick and choose.

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler said that this subject was discussed at the recent California Council of Governments (CALCOG) meeting. The self-help counties want acknowledgment by the State Legislature and Governor that they will support local transportation sales tax measures on the ballot in return for local support of these infrastructure bond measures.

Mr. Gallegos commented that Orange County is trying to extend its local transportation sales tax measure on the same ballot as the infrastructure bonds.

Mayor Guerin asked if the campaign folks have provided clarity on the language regarding funding allocation. She has heard that it will be according to population. Mr. Gallegos responded that the way the transportation bond measure is written puts a lot of authority with the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC will set up the allocation guidelines with legislative oversight. One of the conditions will be that projects need to be ready for implementation by 2012. The San Diego region should be competitive because of our Board’s action to move forward on the TransNet Early Action Program. Diane Eidam, Chief Deputy Executive Director, added that we are in a great position with the projects that we have and the aggressive schedule we have set. Mr. Gallegos noted that when our TransNet Extension was passed, we put together a package of on-call consultants to augment the Caltrans District 11 work force. All consultants are onboard and ready to start work. Doing this means we are in a very competitive position.

Mayor Guerin asked about the housing measure. Ms. Kawada said that Proposition 1D would continue a variety of affordable housing programs. She noted that the measure also includes an $850 million regional planning, housing, and infill incentive grant program, a similar concept to SANDAG’s Smart Growth Incentive Program. Guidelines for funding allocation would still need to be crafted for the grant program, but the San Diego region should be in a competitive position with the work already done on our RCP and Smart Growth Concept Map.

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Mr. Gallegos stated that we are in a competitive position in most of the ballot measure areas. Recent polling has shown lower voter support for the housing measure compared to the other proposed measures.

Supervisor Horn said he didn’t want to tie-up our transportation monies by funding other interests. He had no problem supporting Propositions 1A, 1B, and 1C, but until we see the poll results, we should not support the other measures. Mr. Gallegos said that the measures will be decided on a statewide level. He noted that we import a lot of water from the Northern California area. If the levees in Northern California fail, there will be a significant amount of flooding, and this may negatively impact the supply and reliability of water to San Diego County.

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler said that if we don’t support the water measure, it will look like we are not supporting the Governor and State Legislature on the comprehensive infrastructure package that they have developed.

Mayor Crystal Crawford (North County Coastal) said that some language in the resolution supporting Proposition 1E talks about money for stormwater runoff projects. She asked how much money is involved and what the impacts are to San Diego County. Ms. Kawada said she didn’t know the exact dollar amount, but the measure includes grants for stormwater management projects that comply with regional water quality control plans. This grant funding would go to local entities. The region would need to complete its integrated regional water management plan to qualify for these monies.

Mayor Crawford also wondered if we should support Propositions 1D and 1E.

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler asked if there was some reason why we should not support all five of these ballot measures. We represent the entire region, and these measures would benefit the quality of life for all people in the region. Our RCP addresses our needs more holistically and recognizes the interdependence of different factors including transportation, housing, the environment, and education.

Mayor Guerin agreed with Second Vice Chair Pfeiler in that SANDAG should support all of them. There has been so much work in Sacramento by the Legislature and Governor to make this a comprehensive infrastructure package. It makes sense for us to support these as a package.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mayor Jerry Sanders (City of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Guerin, the Executive Committee recommended that the SANDAG Board of Directors approve resolutions in support of Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E on the November 2006 ballot. The motion was approved, with Supervisor Horn voting in opposition.

Victoria Stackwick, Legislative Analyst II, provided the status of the recommended actions on the following state bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 1848 (Bermudez) Homeland Security: Interoperable Public Safety Communications Network — Support; AB 2041 (Nava) Public Safety Communications — Support; Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Murray) Electricity: Renewable Energy Resources: California Solar Initiative — Support; AB 1699 (Frommer) Commuter Trains: Operation — Monitor; SCR 123 (Flores) Joint Legislative Committee on High-Speed Trains—
Support; and AB 372 (Nation) Public Contracts: Transit Design-Build Contracts —Support. Ms. Stackwick also noted the list of bills that have been amended and are no longer related to SANDAG legislative goals or have become inactive.

Mayor Guerin asked about estimated costs and impacts of SB 1, and if the costs will be passed on to the counties. Ms. Kawada explained that the funding comes from existing ratepayer charges that are already included as a line item on our energy bills. These help fund alternative energy programs like the ones promoted by the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO). The Energy Working Group (EWG) has recommended support of SB 1, particularly the bill’s provisions promoting expansion of solar energy usage.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Vice Mayor Morrison, and a second by Supervisor Horn, the Executive Committee voted to approve the recommended positions on various state bills.

5. **REVIEW OF AUGUST 4, 2006, DRAFT BOARD AGENDA (APPROVE)**

Ms. Eidam reviewed the proposed agenda for the August 4 Board of Directors meeting. One additional Consent Item will be added; it will be a status report on the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line proposed by San Diego Gas & Electric. Under Reports, the item on the Final 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) will be a public hearing.

Mr. Gallegos said that the Sunrise Powerlink status report will lay out a schedule for when the Board could expect to hear about this project and the EWG’s recommendations on it. We are anticipating that the Board would consider more information about the project in October and would consider the EWG’s recommendations at the November meeting.

Mayor Guerin noted that SDG&E is being aggressive with cities to get resolutions of support for this project. A lot of the cities are waiting to see SANDAG’s position on this. She asked if the EWG will make a recommendation on this matter. Mr. Gallegos said that the focus of the EWG’s August meeting will be a discussion about this issue. He hoped the EWG would form a recommended action at its September meeting. This matter would then go to the Regional Planning Committee and then to the SANDAG Board. There are some critical dates in this process. SDG&E expects to present its proposal at a public hearing at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) at the end of this calendar year or early next year. There will be time before the CPUC public hearing for the cities to weigh in if the SANDAG Board acts on this issue in October/November.

Ms. Eidam continued her review of the August 4 agenda. She noted that the item related to the Kearny Mesa Division Bus Facility Roof Repair Project is contingent upon approval by the MTS Board at its August 10, 2006, meeting. The item regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with MTS to Provide FasTrak™ Funding for Interstate 15 Corridor Transit Services will be pulled and rescheduled for a future Board meeting.

Mayor Guerin asked if the Support for Statewide Infrastructure Bond Measures item should be on Consent. Staff agreed to pull this item from the Consent Calendar and add it to Reports.
Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Morrison, and a second by Supervisor Horn, the Executive Committee voted to approve the agenda for the August 4, 2006, SANDAG Board of Directors meeting, as revised.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Eidam reviewed the meeting schedule for August 4. There will be a Board meeting from 8-10 a.m., a Transportation Committee from meeting 10-11 a.m., a joint Transportation/Regional Planning Committee meeting from 11 a.m.-12 Noon, and a Regional Planning Committee meeting from 12 -1 p.m.

Second Vice Chair Pfeiler suggested that staff provide a memo with the August 4 Board agenda package indicating this schedule.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2006.

7. ADJOURNMENT

First Vice Chair Sessom adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Attachment: Attendance Sheet
## CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE
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